

On page 5 of the amended specification submitted on September 7, 2000 in connection with the PCT application No. PCT/IB99/01573, before the first paragraph, please insert the following new heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

On page 6 of the application as originally filed, at line 133, please insert the following heading:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT(S)**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims submitted in the communication dated September 7, 2000 as follows:

3. (Amended) The coupler as claimed in claim 1, characterized therein that there are a pair of spaced spacing formations.

13. (New) The coupler as claimed in claim 2, characterized therein that there are a pair of spaced spacing formations.